

Minutes of Truro Energy Committee meeting, Feb. 11, 2007

Present: Brotman, Bruyn, Endich, Holt, & Worthington.

The meeting began with the unanimous approval of minutes for meeting of January 14.

A good deal of the meeting was devoted to the question of an Energy Fair and possible dates. Bob reported on his meeting with Brian Davis, who explained why our proposal to have it on or near Earth Day would not work out for the school. It will be on vacation that whole week, and other matters like preparing for exams make a later date in the spring also unsuitable. He thought, however, that Nov. 15 (America Recycles Day) would work out fine, and proposed that we have one the day before, Friday, when he would plan to have the whole school day devoted to it. That suited the committee, but left open the question of having two fairs, one in the spring also. The final decision was to try for a tri-town event on or about the summer solstice, June 21 (a Saturday) and to focus the November one mainly on the school. We would have to pay for a building caretaker on the June date, when the school will just have closed, but Rebecca reported that she has had several inquiries from green businesses about making presentations to her neighborhood energy group after the recent article in the Cape Cod Times about it, and felt sure that we could raise enough money by charging such businesses \$25 or so to set up tables. Sally suggested that working on a fair was a good task for volunteers (and a large one for our committee if unassisted) as well as an opportunity to attract more of them. It will also be a good occasion on which to publicize the fact that the Town gets money from CLC for every customer who signs up for green electricity, giving data on what the amounts are and how the money is being used. A CLC representative could explain to people how to read and understand their electric bills, which people attending should be asked to bring along. We should be in touch with our contacts in Wellfleet and Provincetown to get their cooperation. Bob reported on a chat with Harriet Korim who said that Wellfleet people are planning mainly various walks for Earth Day, and read an email promising cooperation from a Cape promoter of grease-cars.

Bill reported on the status of our application for funds to help add more photovoltaic panels to the School, a better site than the Community Center. He and Bob collected enough signatures urging the Selectmen to put an article on the warrant for ATM to raise the Town's share of the cost, \$56,000. Sally urged that we present detailed facts and figures partly by poster (which she volunteered to make) and by a PowerPoint presentation, giving full details on the present PV panels, how much electricity they generate and how much money and CO₂ have been saved, projections of how much more the grant will make possible, its payback time, and how cost will be divided between Town, state grant, and money from CLC, etc.

Bill reminded us to get in touch with Boards and Committees about cooperating with us on the baseline study and action plan. He learned from Charleen that the letter from the Selectmen signed by Fred had indeed been written and that she had herself put copies in every relevant mailbox. He gave copies of the letter to all members. Bob distributed copies of the GoGreen Guide to use in our meetings with the committees.

Rebecca said that she knew of only three people planning to come to tonight's planned party/meeting with volunteers. We decided to have it anyway at 7:30-9PM though only Bill and Bob of

the Committee will be able to attend.

There was some discussion of small wind turbines installed on houses, stimulated by the presence of several such on Christy's gas stations. Bill said that the regulations do allow them. We should try to get information about how much power each actually generates; several people in Truro might be interested.

Rebecca suggested that we try to get a competition going between Town buildings, encouraging each to keep records of how much electricity and fuel each used last year and currently, offering prizes and public recognition for winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM. The next full meeting will be on Feb. 25, at the usual time and place.

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